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**CONTAINING MIXED CELL POPULATIONS** 

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**BOX CPA** 

In connection with the above-identified application, please enter the following preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application. This application is a Continuing Prosecution Application and the amendments and remarks below are presented in response to the Final Office Action in the parent application mailed December 23, 1997.

## In the Claims

Please cancel claims 26, 27, 30-32, 44, 45, 49, 50, 52-58, 63, 65, 68, 70, 76 and 77.

Please amend claims 22, 23, 28, 29, 33, 34, 36, 37, 39-43, 46-48, 51, 59-62, 64, 66, 71, 72, 74, 75, 78 and 79 as follows: